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(54) MOBILE TERMINAL AND SLIDING
MODULE AND A METHOD THEREOF

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A mobile terminal comprising a main housing, first and second sub-housings, each slidably mounted on an upper surface of the main housing such that the first and second sub-housings can slide towards each other or away from each other to open or close a predetermined region of the upper surface of the main housing, and a sliding module. The mobile terminal is structured such that the display apparatus can be opened or closed by the first and second sub-housings, and such that it is easy to operate keypads with both hands when the display apparatus is open, resulting in convenience of playing games or chatting. Additionally, the sliding module of the mobile terminal is structured such that the first and second sub-housings are interlinked with each other, which allows for easy opening and closing of the display apparatus.

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